REMARKS

In the Office Action of April 16, 2002, the drawings were objected to, in particular because the blocks in Fig. 1 lacked legends. An amended sheet of drawings is submitted with legends conforming to the terms with like reference numbers used in the specification.

The specification has been amended to add applicable headings as called for by the US Patent and Trademark Office rules of practice.

Claim 1 has been amended in response to the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, to claim method steps. Claim 8, which was objected to, has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 9 and 12 have been amended to distinguish between the various devices that are recited.

Claims 1-15 were rejected as being anticipated or obvious in view of Woodhead, U.S. Pat. No. 5,640,388.

Woodhead shows a device for de-jittering the signals received in an MPEG multiplexed data stream.

The present invention is concerned with using a separate data packet to separate out one data stream from the other data streams in the MPEG data stream in a time-critical manner. This is due to the limited storage in an MPEG decoder. Thus, it would appear that the separate data packet contains different coding from Woodhead for re-constituting the data stream for a different purpose. The claims, as presented here, without a few additional limitations, were allowed by the European Patent Office.
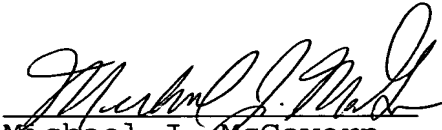
The dependent claims further define the specific types of the data streams to which the invention is applicable.

CONCLUSION

After the Amendment and Remarks, claims 1-7, 9, 11 and 12 are still pending. Reconsideration of the application, and a Notice of Allowance for these claims is earnestly solicited.

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